

With such a progressive citizenship as is found in the Lower Mimbres the rapid progress made here 4 years past is only natural

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## Show Given By 13th Cavalry

The delightful vaudeville performance given at the Capital Theatre Wednesday evening by select talent of the 13th Cavalry for the benefit of the Regimental Baseball Team was a splendid success. Captain Harry N. Carter, who managed the affair, is applauded as he can be—and why shouldn't he be? The theatre was filled to the doors at the two performances, and the talent displayed by the soldier actors proved to the merry and appreciative audiences that the cavalry boys know more about the histrionic art than one would suppose. Besides, the depleted treasury of the baseball team was replenished sufficiently, and the coffers brimmed to overflowing. For the large attendance we owe our friend, Captain Carter, sincerely thanks all who helped to make the tonight successful, and, in turn, we graciously and heartily thank the Captain and his players for the splendid treat given us.

Now a word about the actors: Sergeant Henry Larsen, in an Irish monologue, was the hit of the evening. His wonderful make-up and pleasing "barney" kept the house in an uproar of laughter all the time he was before the footlights; and the glows of applause which followed each of his many peculiar remarks and facetious puns proved beyond doubt, that he knew his audience thoroughly.

Second to Larsen, and closely, were Privates Elrod and May with a mandolin and guitar duet. The soft sweet music rendered by these two men was beautiful beyond description. Enough can't be said to adequately praise them. Never before in this assembly has such charming string music been heard. If you ever got a chance to hear these boys play, go by all means, and listen to them, then thank me for putting you next to a good thing.

Much more could be said in favor of the individual players, but, unfortunately, space will not allow. Therefore, let it suffice to say that all the work was pleasing and enjoyable. We hope to be favored with more of their talent in the near future.

In passing, let me state that our soldier friends, besides being delightful entertainers, know the gentlemanly art of being modest and respectful for their many jokes and puns were as clean and wholesome as they were laughable and merry.

Come again, boys!

## Wouldn't That Give You a Shock?

One of our neighboring editors says he recently received a card which contained the following: "Please send me a few copies of paper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also publish the obituary of my uncle, who lives in Texas. And I wish you would mention in your local column, if it does not cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too bad to waste money on newspapers."—E.

J. L. Greenwood made a business trip to El Paso the first of the week.

We have been having real spring weather for the past few days. The fruit trees are blooming and most of the gardens are showing green.

## Educational Column

By T. A. Windsor

Some time ago I said that I would describe in greater detail the duties as well as the trials of both a school director and a teacher.

I have hesitated in writing about the duties and trials of the teacher for fear it would seem like putting up a wall, and if one should, in the position of teacher, attempt to describe the qualifications and outline the duties of a director, it might appear to some that he was in some sense trying to fast a reflection upon the present board. But nothing could be farther from my object, nor we have a good board, and one that, though they have honored minor difficulties, have always, no doubt, had the interest of the school at heart, and just now, I want to say that school boards are necessary men for whom who are very far representatives of the community. Of course, they are like the teacher, to some extent under the gaze of the community, and will no doubt make some mistakes that will attract attention and call out criticism, but that is not because they are in a school board so much as because they are serving the public, who, we must acknowledge, has a right to review the actions of anyone serving it, whether that person be a teacher or director. We often hear it said that every one feels that he has a perfect right to criticise the teachers and the school board. This is only partly true, for I now assume that even when people feel aggrieved they often put their criticism aside or without it altogether.

As to the intellectual qualifications of a member of a school board, suppose that we say what for all that brains are always at a premium. However, I believe you will agree with me, that an ordinary member coupled with moderation and thoughtfulness is more in demand than intellect. That is, a school board member should be a sensible, practical man, and for we often hear teachers say they don't care to touch under the supervision of a director that has founded upon a teacher. Of course this does sometimes create a little friction, for when a director knows something about the work, or thinks he does, he may be inclined to make suggestions, or even find fault, if he finds things not going as he thinks they ought.

However, this may be in some isolated instances, it is probable that we get more sympathy than criticism from former teachers than from some others. Just as the president of the United States has a right to go into the field and conduct military operations so have the board, acting as such, the right to go into a school room make rules for its governing and arrange the course of study; but just as a president has never been known to do this directly so the board are usually wise enough and cautious enough to use this authority sparingly in the school room—yes, let us have all the educational qualifications possible that can be used with moderation and wisdom.

Of course, a school director works for nothing and boards himself, and must endure some criticism; still it would seem that taking it altogether the cause of education develops under our present method and we will no doubt continue it until we find some method that we think supercedes it.

Robt Guiley has rented a part of the postoffice building and has put in a soft drink stand.

## Clean-Up Day Next Friday

The Health Officer has set Friday, April 9th as a day for a general cleaning in the Village of Columbus. Everybody is urged to turn out and rid their premises of all the filth and trash that has accumulated and when you get your own place cleared spend some time on the vacant lots near you in raking up the rubbish and firing it that it cannot blow over on the property you have already cleared. You will be surprised at the effect it will have on the looks of the town. Remember the time and close up your place of business and CLEAN-UP.

### Announcement

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit our names as candidates to members of the Board of Education, school district No. 1, subject to the school election Tuesday, April 13th, 1915, and request the support of the voters of said district.

We pledge our best endeavors to serve the district with our best abilities, striving at all times to give you the best educational facilities, and at the same time economical in the expenditure of public money.

Respectfully,

A. E. KEMP,  
A. G. HALLENGER,  
P. K. LEMMON, JR.,  
J. A. MOORE,  
A. L. TAYLOR.

### Good Night Nurse!

"Denning, N. M., March 30.—Mrs. Chase, an enterprising woman who has been making a brave effort to support herself and her family, needed a nurse. Hearing of her need Robert Plack and others started a subscription list among the big hearted people of Denning and raised more than \$50.

The nurse was bought and driven to Mrs. Chase's home where it was presented to her with the best wishes of the town people.

Since nothing of the gift until the nurse was driven to her front gate and she was the most pleased woman in Luna County.

—El Paso Herald.

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### Important Homestead Notice

Santa Fe, March 2.—The local land office yesterday received an important notice in relation to the valuation of enlarged homestead entries under the act of March 4, last, that will be good news to many homesteaders in New Mexico.

The law provides that all pending homestead entries made in 1904, under the provisions of the enlarged homestead laws, or persons who before making such enlarged homestead entry had acquired title to land under the homestead laws and there were not qualified to make an enlarged homestead entry, are validated; if in all respects regular, in all cases where the original homestead entry was for less than 160 acres.

The office also received an order that those who want to be on public land and receive a final certificate must use their full first name. Hereafter, such abbreviations as "Ed," "Al," "Joe," etc., will not be considered by the land office, and claimants must spell out the Christian name.

Even if it should be Neuchadnemer, it will not be legal for the claimant to refer to himself as "Neb."

While the officers of the local land office would not be justified in rejecting an application to enter land on the ground that the applicant did not sign his name in full, they must be strict, even if it is necessary to append them later on.—Albuquerque Morning Journal.

Myron Dean is building himself a dwelling house in the Rice addition and will move into town in about thirty days.

P. K. Lemmon, Jr., made a trip to the Paso City Tuesday.

## Clyde Buys a Lot

Clyde With, an industrious school boy of only twelve years who is helping his mother to the sale and sells papers when on school, has bought in 10, block 2, which gives his mother's lots where she is preparing to build, on Wisconsin St. Clyde made his first payment from money saved from the sale of papers and has arranged his monthly payments so he can easily meet his obligations. He is one of the boys who does not "steal" his money, and if Clyde continues as industrious proof his example will be worth repeating. He is clearing off his lot, preparatory to planting sweet potatoes.

## "Pay Up Week" in the West

It is now over a year since a little township in Wisconsin originated a bright idea, which seems to have taken root in a very large section of the state. When the town in question announced its purpose of observing "Pay Up Week," in which debtors would make settlement on mass, everybody smiled, for the thing was done, and several thousand unpaid bills were cleared in the process. Now the place has had its most prosperous year, and many others. West, east, south and north, big cities are contemplating a "Pay Up Week." The philosophy of the plan is simply this: that by paying your bills, the other fellow is enabled to pay his, and so on in a sort of endless chain, which finally comes around to you a gain. Thus all are winners, the common-sense are clear, and everybody feels better. In the first experiment over 50,000 in the accounts cleared, and the liquidation this year promises to be a financial success. To inaugurate a "Pay Up Week" is, of course, and should be pushed along. —E.

## Miss Floy Moore Entertains

Miss Floy Moore, at the Moore home last of town, did her guests at dinner last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, the Misses Stanfield, Miss Ella Breeding and Mr. J. L. Walker. A very delicious dinner was served and among the methods of entertainment Miss Moore had planned target practice with a 22 caliber rifle. The ladies enjoyed the shooting very much, but did not make very high scores. They used different targets without making a hit and a piece of paper four feet square was put up. It seems from the reports that they were unable to hit it at thirty feet.

## Result Quite Effective

A minister in a neighboring town a few Sundays ago surprised his congregation by reading the following announcement: "The regular session of the Donkey Club will be held as usual at the close of the service. Members will line up just outside the church door, make remarks and stare at the ladies as they pass as is their custom. Any member known to vacate a lady to church and sit with her like a gentleman will be expelled from the organization." The application was to the point and the effect was marvelous. —E.

## Election Next Tuesday

The election for the selection of a board of Education for the town of Columbus will be held next Tuesday by the school building. This issue of the Courier contains the announcement of a ticket, the only one in the field so far as we know, that should meet the approval of every citizen. It is composed of our best business men and citizens and we can not mention them. This week has no one come to work, though at the same time it is a position that would be filled with people who have the interests of the community at heart. Every man on the ticket tried to refuse to accept nomination, but being urged by their friends and the community in general, finally saw where their duty lay and agreed to go on the ticket. We look at the matter as an honor to them; they have their business affairs to look after and are willing to devote a part of their time to the interests of the community without compensation. It does not seem that a better board of Education could be had any where. J. A. Moore, P. K. Lemmon, Jr., A. E. Kemp, A. L. Taylor and A. G. Hallenger and we hope to see every qualified voter turn out and cast their ballot.

## Drilling a Well

T. A. Halsey is having a well drilled on his lot just west of the school. Mr. Halsey has one of the latest drilling machines in town and will get a good well and run down water to grow flowers and shrubs and have a place that anyone ought to be able to find. R. J. Fulton is drilling the well and there is no doubt that he will uncover plenty of water.

## Ten Page Advertisement For Firm

Last week's issue of the Denning Herald was a homages to the enterprising Denning firm who are doing big things in this issue. This is something very unusual one firm using a ten page ad in a weekly paper. The Denning firm has established a monopoly and is one of the most progressive publications in the State.

## Eleven Hundred Gallons Per Minute

J. S. Anderson has had completed another well on his claim southwest of town and when it was tested out this week 1100 gallons per minute was pumped for several hours without lowering the head of water. The well is 250 feet deep and the water stands ten feet of the surface. With only a ten foot lift and with this volume of water irrigation on Mr. Anderson's place will be a cheap proposition and we can well afford to give farming a consideration. He has a good orchard started and is preparing to have several acres under cultivation this year.

His well is as good as the average well in that section of the valley. R. W. Elliott drilled the well.

## Halsey Gets Good Well

As we go to press, we have the report that T. A. Halsey now has a good well. The well is 75 feet deep and there is 40 or 45 feet of water in it and from all indications will furnish a good supply of water.